



I leave everything to God, says 'Nicole'

By Julie S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

A LITTLE OVER A WEEK BEFORE THE JUDGMENT comes, Nicole says she has come to terms with herself and she is putting all in God's hands.

"I leave everything to God. Whatever the outcome is, our Lord has His own purpose. He knows why and He has reasons why I am in this

'I LEAVE' A4

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Inaccurate time traced to FM radio stations

By Marielle S. Rivera

NEXT TIME YOU'RE LATE for anything important, you can use the radio as an excuse.

FM radio stations in the country generally give out inaccurate time.

INACCURATE A4





ARRESTED a second time, Arsid Abbas, alleged Abu Sayyaf executioner of a kidnapped American tourist in 2001, claims he is a coconut farmer working for military intelligence.

I'm now AFP spy, says Abu bandit

Abbas was good asset, officer confirms

By Julie S. Alipala
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ZAMBOANGA CITY—An arrested Abu Sayyaf member who allegedly beheaded American tourist Guillermo Sobero in 2001 said he was no longer a member of the bandit group but that he was, in fact, a military spy.

"I am no longer an Abu Sayyaf member ... I am an agent of the Military Intelligence Group (MIG-9)," Arsid Abbas said in Filipino when interviewed by reporters on Saturday in the VIP room at Edwin Andrews Air Base here.

"I am a spy," he said.

The suspect's admission raises questions on the methods used by Manila in playing its role as one of Washington's staunchest allies in its war on terrorism in Southeast Asia.

The 23-year-old suspect, whose Basilan Gov. Wahab Akbar had claimed was the most dangerous member of the Abu Sayyaf, said he had been feeding information to the military intelligence service while working as a coconut farmer in Barangay Lapuis in Tuburan, Basilan.

A military officer, who requested anonymity because of the sensitive position he holds in the Armed Forces of the Philippines, confirmed that the military had used Abbas in its "re-projection" operations.

Re-projection means that Abu Sayyaf bandits who surrender are used against their former comrades, said the officer.

He said Abbas proved to be a good asset, having been instrumental in the 2003 death of Abu Sayyaf commander Hamsiraji

I'M NOW AFP SPY A18



A REMOTE-CONTROLLED blimp with "12th Asean Summit" markings hovers over the unfinished Cebu International Convention Center, one of the main summit venues, in this photo taken more than a week ago.

Doc says GMA in pink of health but must diet

By Christine O. Avendaño

EXCEPT FOR A SMALL WEIGHT gain that she needs to lose through diet and exercise, President Macapagal-Arroyo is in the pink of health, her doctors said yesterday.

The President was supposed to leave St. Luke's Medical Center in Quezon City last night after her doctors said the results of her two-day comprehensive executive checkup showed that she was physically fit.

But she decided to stay one more night after her husband, Jose Miguel Arroyo, was required to remain in the hospital for an extra night after undergoing "additional tests."

"The President has completed all her diagnostic procedures, and her work-ups were all unremarkable," said Ms Arroyo's attending physician, Juliet Gopez-Cervantes, who read a prepared medical bulletin on the President's condition.

"Hence, she can go back to Malacañang (yesterday) and resume her usual activities immediately," Cervantes said.

Doctors declined to divulge the medical condition of Ms Arroyo's husband upon the First Family's request. But the doctors said there wasn't anything seriously wrong with the First Gentleman.

"The President checked into

DOC A19

Final push for Charter change suicidal charge

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

REPELLED BY THE SUPREME Court rejection of the petition to overturn its decision striking down the people's initiative to change the Constitution, administration allies have been forced to play their last Cha-cha (Charter change) card in the congressional arena, that is, ramming through the constituent assembly (Con-ass) alternative by sheer force of numbers.

By reacting to their rebuff in the court, President Macapagal-Arroyo and Speaker Jose de Venecia have rallied their dispirited ranks and issued marching orders for a "final push," on behalf of Con-ass, the last of two options available for bringing about constitutional reforms before the midterm elections set in.

This push has an air of unreality. It is a suicidal charge facing dim prospects of success within an extremely constricted deadline.

De Venecia claims he has lined up the required 195 votes in Congress to back a resolution convening the constituent assembly without Senate participation. Sen. Joker Arroyo is calling De Venecia's bluff and is challenging the Speaker to file the resolution

FINAL PUSH A12

ASEAN SUMMIT PROTESTS

'We'll throw them to the sharks'

By Armand Nocum
and Leila B. Salaverria

JUSTICE SECRETARY RAUL Gonzalez is threatening to feed to the sharks local and foreign activists planning to disrupt next month's Southeast Asian summit in Cebu that is likely to advance to 2015 the target date for integrating the region into a European Union-style market.

Gonzalez said over the weekend intelligence reports had indicated that domestic and international activist groups would attempt to spoil the Summit of Leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) on Dec. 11-13.

"We will not allow a situation where the international delegates, the chiefs of state, will be cordoned off inside the Shangri-La [Hotel] as happened in Hong Kong recently ... where delegates were prevented from leaving the building," he said.

Gonzalez said the intelligence community was confident that 15,000 soldiers and policemen could adequately control the crowd. "There will be an iron curtain imposed there," he said. Foreign troublemakers would be barred from the country, he said.

Gonzalez noted that Singapore

'WE'LL THROW' A13

Automated polls worry US experts

NEW YORK—THIS MONTH'S midterm elections, in which US President George W. Bush's political party lost control of Congress to the Democrats, revealed that the United States is still far from able to ensure that every vote counts.

This despite six years of technological research, more than $4 billion spent by Washington on new machinery and a widespread overhaul of the US voting system.

Tens of thousands of voters, scattered across more than 25 states, encountered serious problems at the polls, including failures in sophisticated new voting machines and confusion over new identification rules, according to nonpartisan watchdogs.

AUTOMATED A13



TOURIST ATTRACTION
Students wearing their finest Igorot costumes and outlandish masks perform mock combat in one of the tribal war dances staged on the streets of Baguio City during the Wow! Philippines Cordillera parade.

PHOTO: INQUIRER NORTHERN LUZON

Ninoy: Freedom fighter who could blush, cry

By Alice Colet Villadolid
Contributor

NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, who descended from a family of freedom fighters and became the most daring of them all, could also blush and cry, and was afraid of his daughter Kris.

From his birth on Nov. 27, 1932, was dramatic, as his mother Aurora Aquino used to say. His father, Speaker Benigno Aquino Sr., had been ordered to rush to Washington D.C. to help lobby for the early grant of Philippine independence. But he hesitated to leave on the scheduled Nov. 14 boat because Doña Aurora was expecting to give birth. She urged him to go, and perhaps because he admired the Aquinos, then US Governor General Theodore Roosevelt took it upon himself to cable Speaker Aquino that Ninoy had been born.

In one of his last meetings with Manila-based reporters for foreign publications before he and his family went into exile in the United States in 1980, Ninoy looked sad and somber as he had not succeeded in persuading President Ferdinand Marcos to dismantle martial law. I was present as Philippine correspondent of The New York Times. We were exchanging anecdotes, when I remembered an incident at the Department of Foreign Affairs courtesy some 26 years earlier when we were both diplomatic reporters.

So I narrated how Ninoy had invited me and one of the women protocol officers to the DFA canteen for coffee. We chatted away

NINOY A17

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONT PAGE

Survey: 67% of Pinoys buck Cha-cha

A MAJORITY OF FILIPINOS—67 PERCENT—would vote "No" if a plebiscite on a new Constitution were held today, results of a Social Weather Stations third quarter survey released yesterday showed.

Final push

Simplified version

WHO: Few Pinoys with ear problems diagnosed

Marcos victims' lawyer belittles $950-B claim

Japanese officer admits experiments on Filipino POWs

British flight instructor dies practicing stunts



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S. Francisco mayor due in Manila

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AM and TV more accurate

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Davao 21 min ahead of Manila

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Law mandates standard time

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A WOMAN activist supporting the Subic rape complainant joins the "Walk for Nicole, Walk for Justice" along Roxas Boulevard.

I leave everything to God, says 'Nicole'

[illegible]

Search for justice

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A journey of discovery

[illegible]

Alliance untarnished

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An emotional case

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A year ago

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626-year-old mosque named National Shrine

Correction





DA eyes 400,000-ha more for hybrid rice varieties





Dilemma

Varieties





Farmers' views







Scholasticans mark century of prayer, work

WHAT DO THESE PERSONS have in common—Cory Aquino, Cecilia Muñoz-Palma, [illegible] Magsaysay Jr., [illegible]

They are all Scholasticans.

[illegible] "We [illegible] to La Salle [illegible] on Taft."

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Brief History

"Ora et Labora"—Pray and Work—is the Benedictine way and this was inculcated in every Scholastican.

The turn of the century from 1899 to 1906 was a dark time for the Catholic Church in the Philippines. [illegible]

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The first school opened on Dec. 3, 1906, in Tondo, Manila, [illegible]

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Benedictine Culture

During World War II, parts of the school were converted into a hospital and the campus was sealed off as a "property of the Japanese Imperial Forces." [illegible]

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[illegible] "the education of a true and finished woman of character."

True to Benedictine tradition, St. Scholastica's has never [illegible]

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Grand Homecoming

This year, St. Scholastica's Alumnae Foundation Inc. [illegible] Grand Centennial Homecoming on Dec. 3.



PRESIDENT Ramon Magsaysay (right) with his only son Ramon Jr., one of Sister [illegible]'s boys.

In the morning, a Mass will be celebrated [illegible] "A Century of Prayer" [illegible]

The following will receive Recognition Awards: [illegible]

Highlight of the program will be the 100 Outstanding Scholasticans Award [illegible] "true and finished woman of character" in their chosen fields of endeavor.

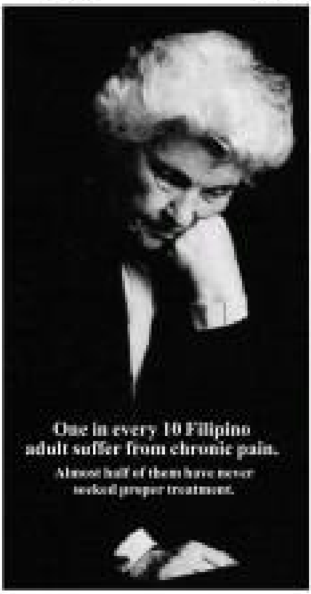
It will be "a year of looking back and thanking God for all the blessings of the past, [illegible]

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The Pain Society of the Philippines (PSP), host of the First Congress of the Association of Southeast Asian Pain Societies (1st ASEAPS Congress), is a National Chapter of the International Association for the Study of Pain in the Philippines. It was founded in 1998. The Founding President was Dr. Cezon R. Cruz. The PSP past presidents include Dr. Francis O. Javier and Dr. Mayvelyn D. Gana.

PSP, now headed by Dr. Henry U. Lu (President), is a multidisciplinary society, reflecting the diverse backgrounds of people involved in the issue and advocacy of proper management of pain. Other officers of the PSP include Dr. Luzviminda S. Kwong (Vice President), Dr. Antonio C. Stom (Secretary) and Dr. Reynaldo R. Rey-Matias (Treasurer). At present, the following sits in the PSP Board of Directors: Dr. Lyda M. Aldeguer-Magpantay, Dr. Arnold T. Chua, Dr. Ludivino G. de Guzman, Dr. Ma. Isabel Echavia-Melgar, Dr. Ma. Salome Mendoza-Vivo, Dr. Amado M. San Luis, and Dr. Antonio N.D. Yap. The membership includes medical doctors of various specialties, dentists, nurses, psychologists and others.

Association of Southeast Asian Pain Societies (ASEAPS)

In 2004, five Southeast Asian countries, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines signed a Memorandum of Understanding to form the Association of Southeast Asian Pain Societies (ASEAPS). ASEAPS is a non-profit association with the primary aim of pooling education expertise and resources of the member countries to constantly equip and update each other on significant trends, issues, treatment and interventions on alleviation of pain. Member countries organize regional conferences on Pain Management on an annual rotation basis to encourage local and regional participation on how they can help themselves become better in the face of the many challenges in pain management in the region.

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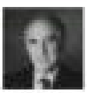

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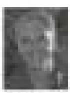

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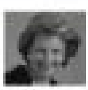
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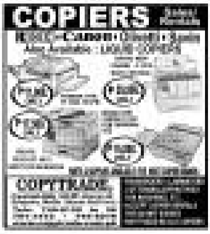

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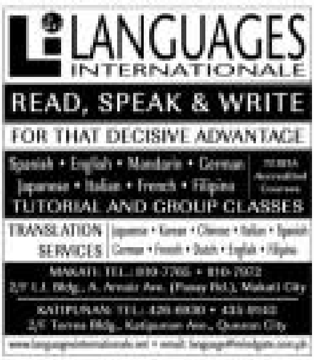

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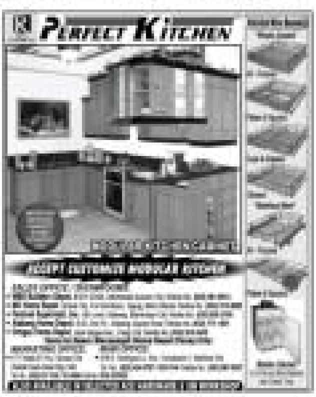

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OPINION

Wanted: employers

EDITORIAL

IT MAY BE NO COINCIDENCE THAT ONE OF THE top two winners in the annual Microentrepreneur of the Year Awards, sponsored by the global banking giant Citigroup, did not finish her schooling. Or that the other top winner had to earn a living—as a maid—while going to school. The country's educational system is still designed to produce employees, not future employers.



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fell during a clash with soldiers in Basilan.

"But the problem was that Abbas didn't report anymore and we learned that he joined the group [Abu Sayyaf] again," the officer told the Inquirer. "So on Jan. 28, 2002, he was again arrested, this time by the police. He was jailed but he escaped on April 18, 2004."

'Not me'

Abbas emphatically denied any role in the killing of Sobero, claiming that he was in military custody at the time.

Abbas had been previously charged with kidnapping with serious illegal detention.

An Inquirer check of court records did not show that he had been charged with murder, unlike other Abu Sayyaf members who had been charged with multiple murder for the deaths of Filipino and American hostages they had seized.

Sobero, a tourist, was among 20 people abducted by the Abu Sayyaf in May 2001 from the Dos Palmas resort in Palawan.

Pleas for mercy

Weeks later, Abu Sayyaf bandits announced they had beheaded Sobero as an "Independence Day" gift to the Arroyo administration.

A captured Abu Sayyaf member later said he witnessed the execution and that Sobero was killed with a machete despite his pleas for mercy.

In 2002, a US federal grand jury indicted five Abu Sayyaf leaders in connection with the hostage-taking of Sobero and three other Americans, which led to the death of Sobero and US missionary Martin Burnham.

Abbas was not among those named in the indictment.

Abbas, also known as Abu Jack, was arrested on Friday in Barangay Cabunbata in Lantawan, Basilan, after he was placed under surveillance by military intelligence agents, according to Maj. Eugene Batara, spokesperson of the Armed Forces Western Mindanao Command (Westmincom).

Batara said Abbas did not put up a fight.

Abbas told reporters he decided to cooperate with the military because he wanted to return to a normal life.

"I was just forced [in 2000] to join the ASG because Sali was then very powerful," he said.

Abbas, whom reporters chanced upon in the MP room at the air base, said he now feared for his life.

He said soldiers had also started beating him.

"I was beaten with the butt of an M16 rifle," he said. His face was swollen when he talked to reporters.

No arrest

Col. Reynaldo Jovito, commander of the Army's 103rd Infantry Brigade based in Basilan, denied that Abbas had been manhandled by his captors.

"He tried to grapple with the arresting elements after he was dragged down along the road of Sitio ... in Barangay Cabunbata in Lantawan last Friday night," he said.

But Abbas said he was not actually arrested.

He said he was picked up by intelligence agents and told that he was to report to military headquarters.

"He (the agent) was driving a motorcycle. I was unarmed," he said.

Abbas said he was surprised because he said he and other military spies had been told to report only if they were bringing in good news—meaning information about the bandit group.

'They dropped me'

Abbas said he later learned that he was being turned over to operatives of the 11th Military Intelligence Company as a captured Abu Sayyaf member.

"They dropped me already. I know that they will kill me if they bring me back to Basilan," an obviously nervous Abbas said.



ABBAS is escorted by Army soldiers at the Edwin Andrews Air Base in Zamboanga City.

Doc says GMA in pink of health but must diet

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the hospital the other day for a routine medical checkup and nothing else, her spokesperson, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye, said.

It was the third time this year that Ms Arroyo was confined in the hospital, fueling yet another round of speculation on the true state of her health.

The President was rushed to the hospital in June and July for infectious diarrhea, and knee and body aches, respectively.

Back to daily routine

But in her third hospital confinement, the President was expected to be "back on her daily routine (today)," Bunye said.

"Let us not make this grist for rumor and speculation," he said.

Some lawmakers demanded from Malacañang a detailed explanation of the President's latest trip to the hospital.

House Minority Leader Francis Escudero said it was incumbent upon the President to divulge her medical condition to put a stop to rumors that she had a few ailments.

"The people have the right to know. It's in the Constitution," said Escudero.

Send flowers

Palawan Rep. Antonio Alvarez, a member of the President's party Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino, said critics should have waited for her doctor's medical bulletin before firing off their demand to divulge her state of health.

"What the opposition should have done is send her flowers, bid her good health, and say a prayer—things that we Filipinos do if we learn somebody we know is in the hospital," Alvarez said.

Palawan Rep. Abraham Kahlil Mitra said there was nothing irregular about the President being confined in a hospital. "The only reason that her seeing her doctor is causing a stir among her critics is that having failed in elections, impeachment and a coup in unseating her, their only chance of getting her out of the way is through a virus or bacteria that will make her sick," he said.

Head to toe

At a press conference at the hospital lobby, Cervantes said that the 59-year-old Ms Arroyo underwent a "thorough work-up from head to toe." This included undergoing examinations of her heart, lungs, kidneys, abdominal organs and blood, she said.

Ms Arroyo had completed her work-up by lunchtime yesterday.

Cervantes said it was the President's decision and her doctors' recommendation that she take the annual executive checkup. The attending physician said she had told the President to take the medical exam early this year.

Lose 2 kilograms

There was also nothing unusual about her overnight stay in the hospital because those undergoing executive checkups are normally told to stay for the duration of the tests, Cervantes said.

"(W)e are discharging her today (because) she is more than physically fit to handle anything she wants to do," Cervantes told reporters when asked to sum up the state of the President's health.

She acknowledged though that doctors had advised Ms Arroyo to lose some weight.

The President, who weighs 54 kilograms, was told to lose two kilograms, Cervantes said.

"(The President) gained a little weight but it's still within (the) acceptable level. But of course we also ask her to reduce a bit," Cervantes said.

Cut down on carbs

They recommended the President cut down on her intake of carbohydrates and fats and to exercise more.

Although the President is not obese, doctors want her to have the "ideal weight," Cervantes said. At her height of four feet 11 inches, her ideal weight is 50 kg.

The attending physician said that she and other doctors did not advise Ms Arroyo to cut down on her work hours. "She can do anything she wants until what time she wants ... because everything is normal," Cervantes said.

So how was Ms Arroyo taking all this advice?

"She's very open-minded," Cervantes said, noting that the President is a person who complies with her doctor's advice.

But in between examinations, Ms Arroyo was busy doing work on her laptop, and taking and making phone calls, according to Cervantes.

Cervantes was mum though about the results of the tests conducted on Ms Arroyo's husband.

Private individual

"We are sorry to say we cannot divulge the results because the First Gentleman is a private individual plus the fact we respect the family's request for (us to) maintain patient confidentiality," she told reporters.

Cervantes said the First Gentleman had to undergo additional tests.

Asked whether this meant the doctors had found something that required the tests, she said: "We just want to verify one thing, that is why he has to undergo an additional examination."

The doctor said there was nothing serious about the First Gentleman's condition.

"He will be going home (today). There has to be an addition of tests [illegible] so we just let him go home and we prefer him to rest (here)," Cervantes said.

The doctor said the President's husband was "a little big for his height" and was also advised to lose weight.

The First Couple are expected to be back in Malacañang this morning, Presidential Security Group Head Col. Romeo Prestoza said.

"Maybe because she wants to be with her partner," Prestoza said, when asked about the change of plans. *With a report from Michael Lim Ubac*

Mayor, 14 other boat passengers missing



By Franklin A. Caliguid
Inquirer Mindanao

BUTUAN CITY—AT LEAST 15 PEOPLE, INCLUDing Del Carmen Mayor Arlyn Mazarro, remained missing, as operations to find survivors of the ill-fated MV Leonida II continued yesterday.

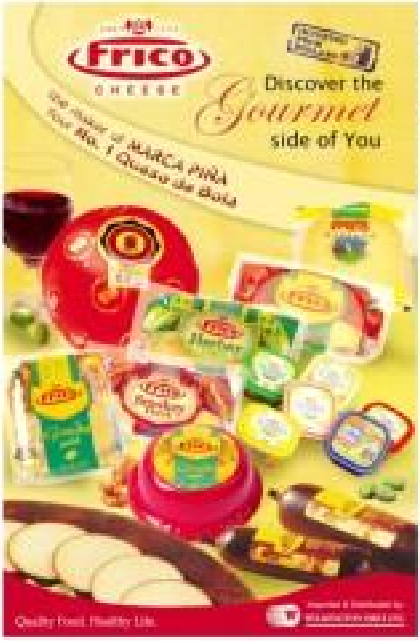


Students abandon campus without access road



STUDENTS have abandoned this school in Anilong, Libmanan, Camarines Sur, because no road leads to the village.

Batangas exec questions low land rent paid by school



Development NGOs? Ano 'Yon?

A rural development non-government organization (NGO) in Western Mindanao trains Lalawanon farmers in farm planning, proper harvesting and packaging and also provides marketing services to improve the price that they get for their produce. A cooperative in Bicol provides savings and credit services to 2,800 members, and has also developed a health care package and a youth program. An NGO in Western Visayas teaches community organizations to monitor and study poverty in their areas, identify anti-poverty projects and lobby with their local governments to fund these projects. Another NGO in Northern Luzon provides assistance to children, women and families in need of special protection such as street children and out of school youth. A coalition of farmers and fisherfolk organizations in Mindanao has undertaken community enterprise development, including community-based resource profiling, community enterprise organizing, participation in local governance to influence local economic development processes of the government, advocacy on asset reform, fair trade, good governance and environmental protection, and networking. These are some of the 2,000 NGOs, people's organizations (POs) and cooperatives affiliated with the ten member networks of the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO).

But what are NGOs in the first place? The term "NGOs" is often used in different ways by different people. It may even be used differently by the same person at different times and contexts! This results inevitably in confusion. NGOs may be broadly defined as organizations that are private (or non-government), non-profit and voluntary (but may hire professional staff and workers). This definition is akin to the broad definition of "civil society" as "the arena, outside of the family, the state and the market where people associate to advance common interests". NGOs and civil society defined in this way would include socio-civic organizations (Lions, Jaycees, etc), religious groups, alumni associations, professional associations, business clubs, non-profit schools and hospitals and others.

CODE-NGO is a sub-set of the whole "civil society". CODE-NGO is a "network of networks" - of "development NGOs", that is, those NGOs committed to and working for social justice and development and often (but not always) with full-time staff in addition to volunteers. CODE-NGO's definition of "development NGOs" also includes sectoral or community-based POs and cooperatives.

The network was established in May 1990 by 10 of the largest NGO networks in the Philippines. The network was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a non-stock, non-profit organization in January 1991.

The first National Congress of CODE-NGO was held in December 1991 with close to a thousand NGOs, POs and co-ops in attendance. The first Congress ratified the Covenant on Philippine Development and the Code of Conduct for Development NGOs. The Code of Conduct sprang from the desire of its founders to establish rigorous standards that would enable development NGOs to police their own ranks, and was among the first in the world.

CODE-NGO's membership now includes 6 national networks and 6 regional networks, namely the Association of Foundations (AF), Coalition for Bicol Development (CBD), Cordillera Network of NGOs and POs (CORDNET), Mindanao Coalition of Development NGOs (MINCODE), National Confederation of Cooperatives (NATCCO), National Council on Social Development (NCSD), Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies (PHILSSA), Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (PHILDHRRA) and the Visayas Network of Development NGOs (VISNET).

CODE-NGO maximizes its scale and synergy as the country's biggest network of development NGOs to influence public policy, provide leadership in civil society and increase the effectiveness of social development work in the country. It focuses on policy advocacy and partnership building in the public arena, particularly towards good governance, asset reform and sustainable development. CODE-NGO also strengthens governance and accountability of its member networks and affiliated organizations and develops their capacity to work for the realization of our shared Development Agenda for our country.

CODE NGO
Caucus of Development NGO Networks



Stringing Beads for Better Livelihood

Four community craft groups have begun stringing their livelihoods together.

Our journey began in Mindanao when Muslim women and their families fled their war-torn villages for safer shores across the sea. In Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, they cast their lot as informal settlers in a barangay aptly named Bagong Silang (newborn). With their fishing and aquatic harvesting skills, they brought their craft of pearl jewelry-making that has, in their new settlements, become their families' main source of sustenance.

Meanwhile, 66 kilometers south of Puerto Princesa in Aborlan, the indigenous people known as the Tagbanuas have harvested from the earth more than their share of fruits and plants. Through the local government's Aborlan Arts Program and with the recent support of the Canadian International Development Agency, the Tagbanuas revived terracotta beads-making. However, the clay bead necklaces have reached only the Puerto Princesa souvenir shops.

Crossing over to another island province of Luzon, Romblon is renowned as the Philippines's main marble source. Romblon crafts workers have been carving novelty and souvenir items from small marble pieces since the 1960's and have sold these to local and international tourists. However, their product designs, like marble eggs and pen holders, have stagnated and so did market demand.

Serendipitously, our journey ends where it began - back in Mindanao. In Lugpindingan, Misamis Oriental, abaca weavers of soon to be displaced farming families hope to expand their product lines to fashion accessories such as necklaces and bracelets.

In a pioneering technology transfer project, Peace and Equity Foundation, Inc. (PEF) brought together the products of the four community craft groups. The effort was done with the Palawan NGO Network, Inc. (PEF Partnership and Access Center) and Avala Foundation.



The base product came from the sea — cultured pearls that were strung by the Muslim women of Bagong Silang. They were then combined with fiery terracotta earth clay beads of the Tagbanua of Aborlan, and accented by intricately cut marble pieces of Romblon craft workers. Finally, the beads and accents were strung together with the colorful threads of abaca, silk and sinamay from Lugpindingan.

The project gave the artisans of four communities the unique opportunity to string their products and create novel and exciting accessories that could provide these PEF community-based partners with an edge in the highly competitive mainstream market.

PEF provided the wherewithal to send a product design consultant to these community craft groups. In December 2005, the creations from the product design and technology transfer sessions were featured in a fashion show dubbed "Water, Earth, Air, Fire and Art Jewelry Fashion Show", at the Social Development Week (SDW) Trade Fair at the Glorietta Mall in Makati City. Three groups - Bagong Silang Consumer Cooperative, Aborlan Arts Program and Abaca Weavers Multipurpose Coop showcased their new and old products and sold P 48,000 worth of goods. This tells us that their crafts, when strung together, create beautiful products and better livelihood.

Having proven their strong potential last year, these groups are once again bringing along their impressive crafts and remarkable designs to this year's SDW trade fair at the Glorietta Activity Center in Makati City on November 27-30.

This story and other best practices are featured in PEF's Annual Report for 2005. Please visit our website at www.peacefndn@pesonline.org

The Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF) is an independent non-profit foundation established in November 2001 to support the work of civil society in eradicating poverty and marginalization. The Foundation manages an endowment fund from the proceeds of the Poverty Eradication and Alleviation Certificate (PEACe) Bonds raised by the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO). PEF partners with civil society organizations through development financing and technical assistance, supports best practices as well as innovative & trailblazing projects, and promotes appropriate technology and networking among its stakeholders. PEF focuses its assistance on poor communities and sectors in 28 priority areas in the Philippines.

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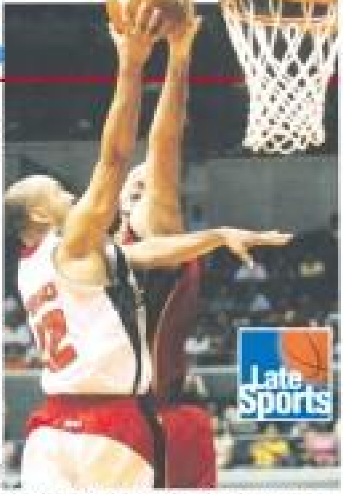




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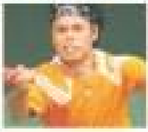
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BAGHDAD, IRAQ—THE INSURGENCY IN IRAQ IS NOW SELF-SUSTAINING financially, raising tens of millions of dollars a year from oil smuggling, kidnapping, counterfeiting, corrupt charities and other crimes that the Iraqi government and its American patrons have been largely unable to prevent, a classified US government report has concluded.

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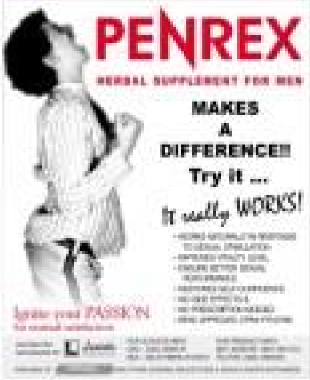


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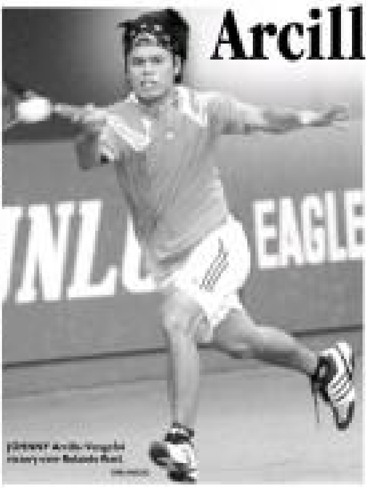


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Cavs turn back Iverson, Sixers

NEW YORK—THE CLEVELAND Cavaliers led by LeBron James received double-digit efforts from six players to offset a 31-point performance from Allen Iverson and claim a 108-95 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Saturday.



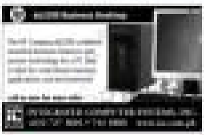
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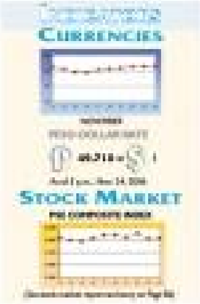
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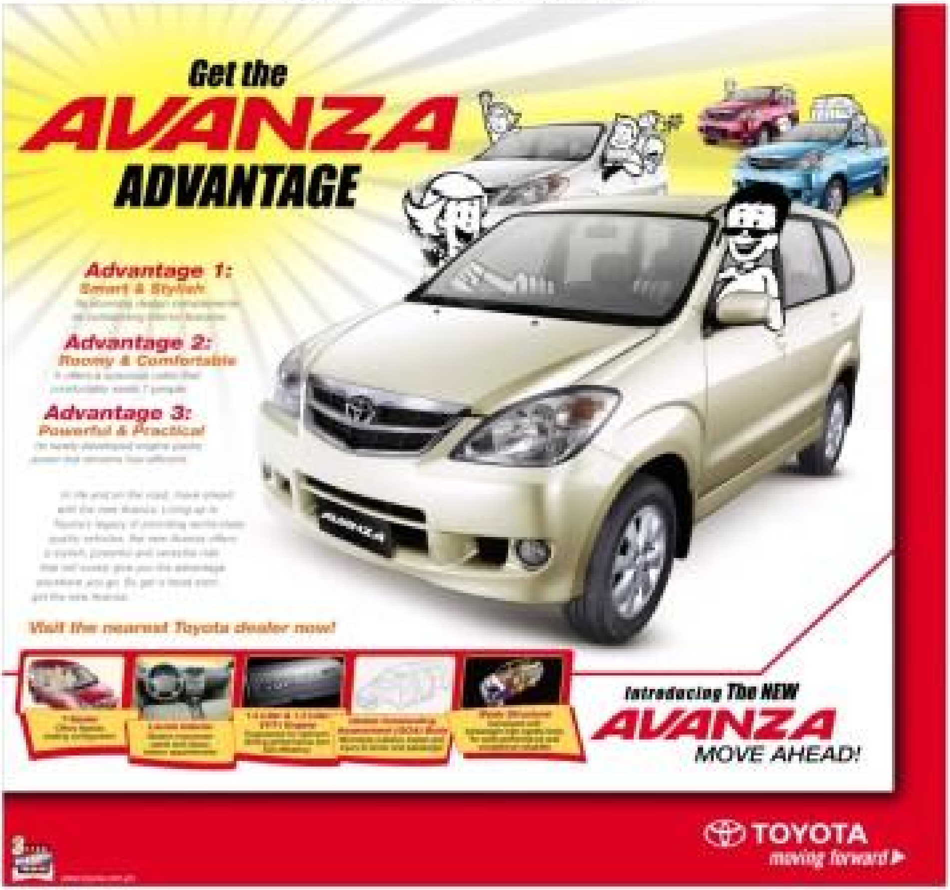
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THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS HAS UPGRADED ITS PESO-dollar exchange rate expectations for next year to a range of 50 to 52 against the dollar given robust foreign exchange inflows from exports, overseas Filipino workers and investments.

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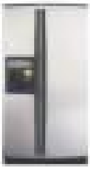
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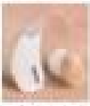
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Stop hair abuse





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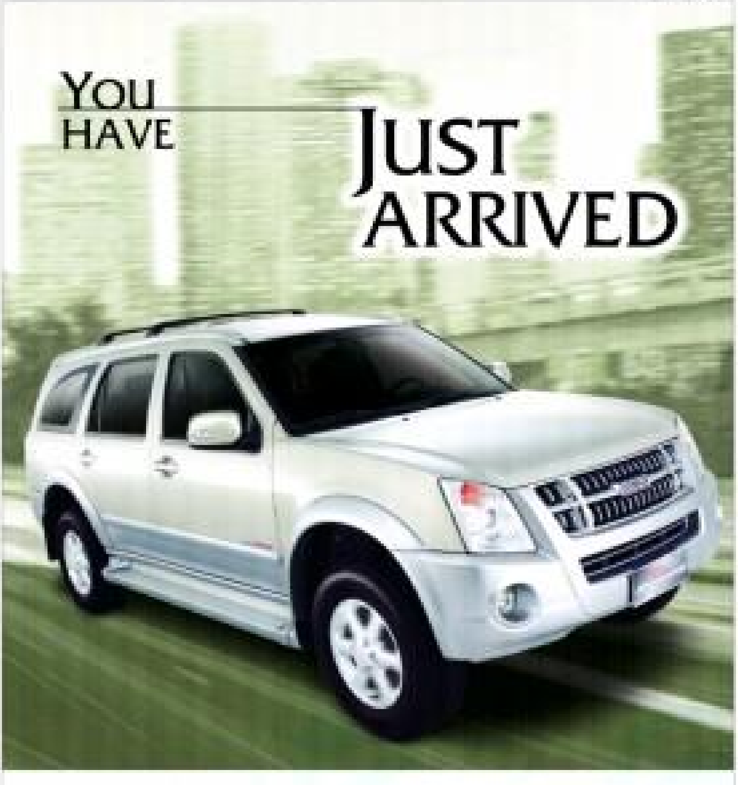
UCPB to unload bad assets

Bank planning ₱20-B SPV sale to clean up its books

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE UNITED COCONUT PLANTERS BANK PLANS TO UNLOAD P20 billion worth of bad assets next year using the Special Purpose Vehicle framework, as part of continuing efforts to clean up its balance sheet.

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Stable prices of goods add to yuletide cheer

By Abigail L. Ho

CHRISTMAS MAY BE LESS THAN A MONTH away but the prices of goods usually associated with holiday feasting are still stable, registering almost no increases from last year's price levels, according to the Department of Trade and Industry.

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Farmers learn to add value to produce

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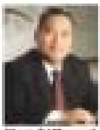
Leaders from various industries all over the country, who have exhibited exceptional communication skills, gathered together under one roof for the 2006 CEO EXCEL Awards' formal ceremonies held at the PICC Forum 1 on Roxas Blvd., Manila on Nov. 8.

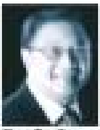
The CEO EXCEL (Communication Excellence in Organizations) Awards is a national competition for chief executives and presidents who have shown outstanding communication skills.

The awardees are as follows: For the category of Manufacturing, Processing and Extractive Industries - Arthur Tan of Integrated Microelectronics, Inc., and Carlos Ejercito of United Laboratories; Banking, Finance & Insurance - Aurelio R. Montinola III of the Bank of the Philippine Islands, Jose Rene Gbalbes of Crown Management Services, Inc., Lorenzo V. Tan of Sun Life Financial Philippines, Alberto S. Villarosa of Security Bank Corporation, and Antonio S. Abacan, Jr. of Metrobank; Utilities, Transportation and Telecommunications - Manuel V. Pangilinan of PLDT, Antonino T. Aquino of Manila Water Co., Inc., and Jose Luis Romero Solar of TNT Express Worldwide, Inc.; Wholesaling, Retailing, Marketing and Distribution - Menardo G. Manto of Phillips Group of Companies in the Philippines; Academic, Research and Training Institution - Jose Mari S. Magpayo - De la Salle University; NGOs, Corporate Foundations, Industry Associations and Civil Society - Rias Angela Diaz of Pres Que Seafarer's Center; Government Enterprise Agencies, GOCCs, and LGUs - Mayor Feliciano Belmonte of Quezon City.


The 2006 CEO EXCEL Awardees


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Alberto S. Villarosa of Security Bank Corp.


Manny Pangilinan of PLDT


Father James Reuter with the IABC Philippines Board of Directors


Antonio S. Abacan, Jr. of Metrobank


Three leaders from the Ayala Group of Companies emerge as 2006 CEO EXCEL Awardees: Arthur R. Tan, Integrated Microelectronics, Inc.; Antonino T. Aquino, Manila Water Co.; and Aurelio R. Montinola III, Bank of the Philippine Islands.



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The CEO Excel Awards recognizes senior executives who have successfully harnessed communication in advancing the reputation, enhancing the profitability, or achieving major objectives of their organizations.

This annual competition aims to raise public awareness of the importance of communication in business and organizational management; to recognize the top-level executives or managers who have shown extraordinary skills as communicators; and to present their accomplishments as models of best practices in organizational communication.

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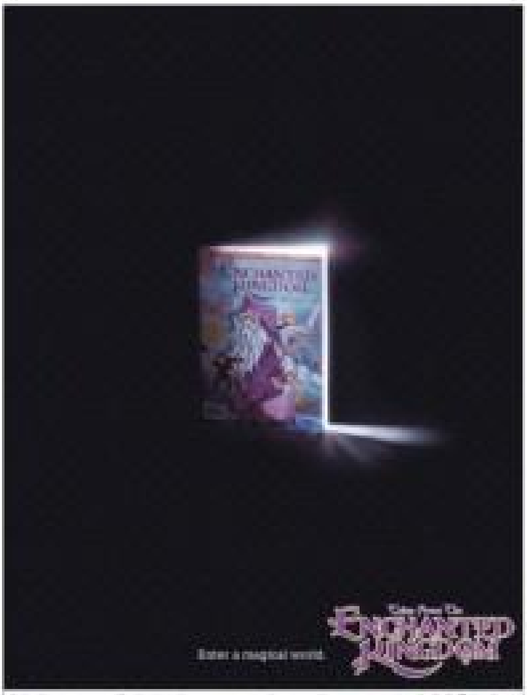
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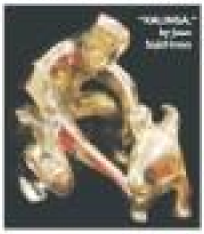
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"SARIMANOK" 3, by Abdulmari Asia Imao

Abdulmari Asia Imao does his race proud

The new National Artist teams up with his son, Juan Sajid, in a show that highlights colorful Mindanao art motifs



"TALUKSA," by Juan Sajid Imao

By Jessica Jalandoni Rabilles
Contributor

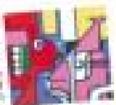
TWO DIFFERING TAKES on race are presented in "Laba." The show features the latest works of National Artist Abdulmari Asia Imao and son Juan Sajid and is running at Choice Expressions Gallery (tel. 8990717 and 8990718) until Nov. 30.

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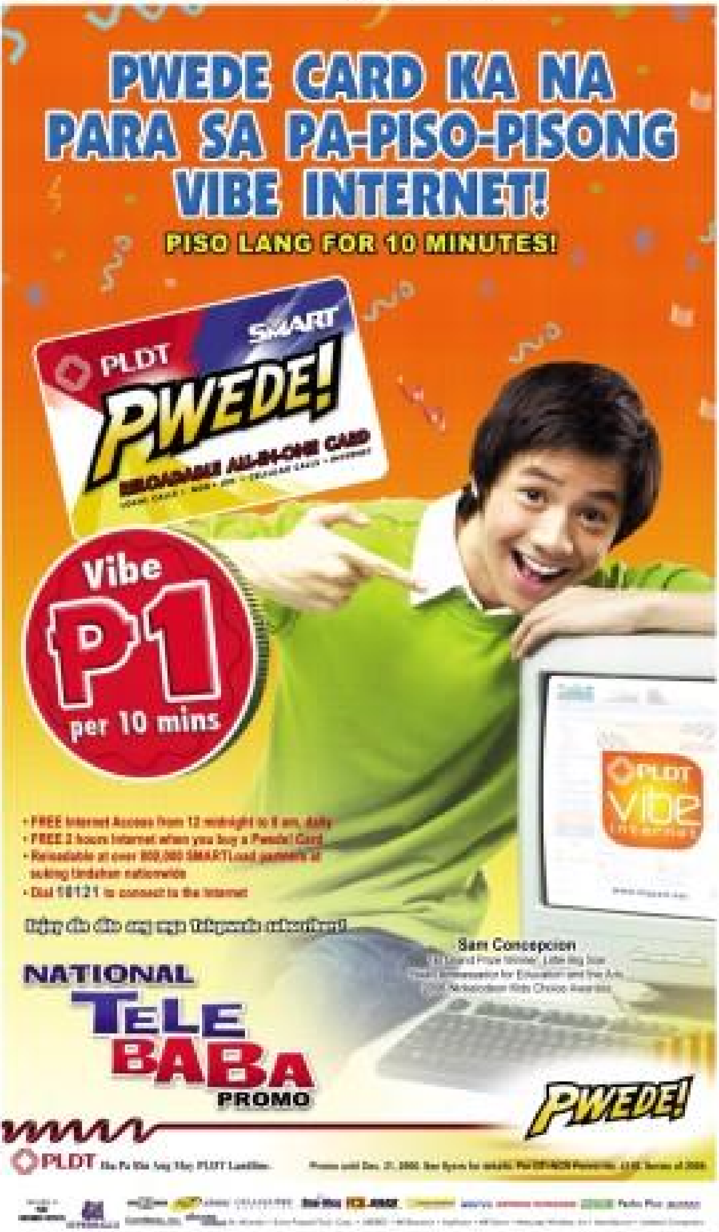
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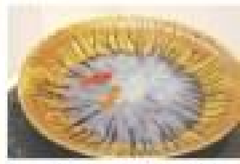
Form and balance

Potter Hadrian Mendoza teams up with uncle Rachy Cuna for an exhibition of ceramic pieces and sculpture











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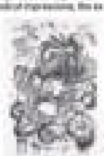
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Cebu artists at Renaissance Gallery

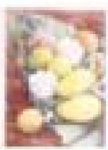






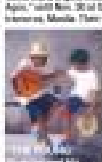


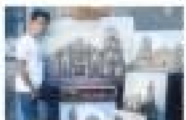




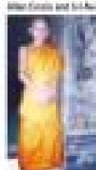
Paras at Asia Art Gallery

Agos at Galerie Andrea









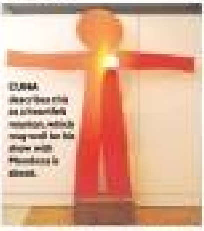
Bencab et al at El Jardin



Picart at Children's Medical Center



MENDOZA'S "Box" is another variation on the basic square.



CUNA describes this as a bountiful reunion, which may well be his show with Mendoza is about.

enhancing good fortune through the principles of feng shui.

Cuna's playful, almost childlike images contrast and balance Mendoza's solid and sensual variations on the basic square.

Though there are a few rounded forms, many of the pieces are squares that have been pinched, flattened, skewed a little, stretched, turned into jack-n-box, and generally just made to look anything but, well, square.

The unusual shapes draw the eye to some even with just single strokes of gesture stuck in them. Fish swimming in large ornamented plates look almost like they have been "glazed" onto the pieces, the water completely disappearing in the smooth, shiny finish.

Mendoza, who is related to Cuna on their mothers' side, said the show was an opportunity to bring the family relationship to another level. He said he wanted to do the show because he knew what Cuna would do with spaces.

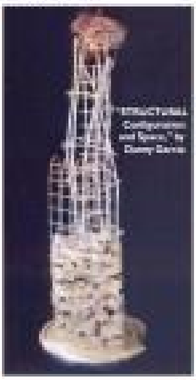
His uncle's reputation as a world-talented artist did not faze him at all. "I did not have to work differently. I always push myself hard, anyway," he said. So working with Cuna was just another day in the office, so to speak.

"Reunion—Balance & Form" runs until Dec. 20 at Art Space, 2/F Glorietta 4, Makati City.

New sculptures



"PROGRESS," by Marcel Dacanay of College of St. Benilde



"STRUCTURAL Configuration and Space," by Danny Garcia

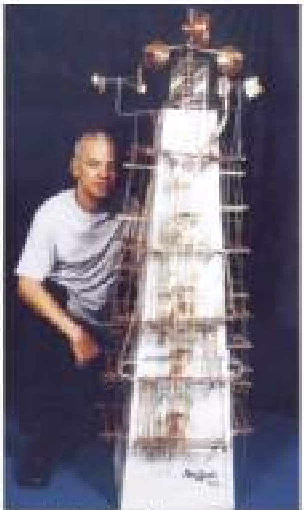
LAFARGE CEMENT SERVICES PHILIPpines Inc. (LCSPI) recently sponsored an exhibit of 15 pieces fashioned in cement by 15 of the country's leading sculptors during the 16th Philippine International Construction, Building Materials and Equipment Exhibition and Technology Forum (Philconstruct 2006) at the World Trade Center in Pasay City.

The works for the "Visions of Progress" exhibit were made from Republic Portland Plus (Fortified with Bondit), a cement type which possesses great workability and provides improved finishing for sharp and clear architectural definition.

Displayed at the Lafarge booth were two untitled sculptures by Impy Pilapil and Rafael Imasa; "Tower Power" by Rel Arrogante; "300,000,000 Years Ago" by Philgo Reyes; "Filipino Nirvana and Values" by Dr. Eva Comonuinla; "Balance of Technology and Life" by Amid Borja; "Tantalizing, Kaliboan at Kinabukasan" by Susanito Sarnate; "The Cavern of the Future" by Anthony Nevan; "Structural Configuration and Space" by Danny Garcia; "Breakthrough in Progress" by Ramon Garcia; "Native Warrior" by Rico Dale Penaflor and Junie Ybor of the University of San Carlos in Cebu City; "Hiding at Sunset" by Nieves and his two students in Philippine Women's University, John Paul Caridlo and Ken Casdol; and "Concrete Transmission," "Supplied" and "Skin" by some 30 students, faculty and staff of the Arts Department of the College of St. Benilde led by professors Marcel Dacanay and Anthony Brian Cruz.



"SKIN," by Susanito Sarnate





"TOWER Power," by Rel Arrogante (above); "Breakthrough in Progress," by Ramon Garcia (right)



New work by Eduardo Castrillo

New sculptures mark Castrillo's 40th year as artist

IN NOVEMBER 1966, SCULPTOR Eduardo Castrillo burst into the Philippine art scene with his first solo exhibit. This year, Castrillo celebrates his 40th year as a pioneering artistic force in the Philippine contemporary art scene in "Castrillo at 40."

The selling exhibition features new free-standing works, bas reliefs and hanging sculptures. It is the culmination of a series of exhibits marking the sculptor's 40th year in the art world.

"Castrillo at 40" [illegible]

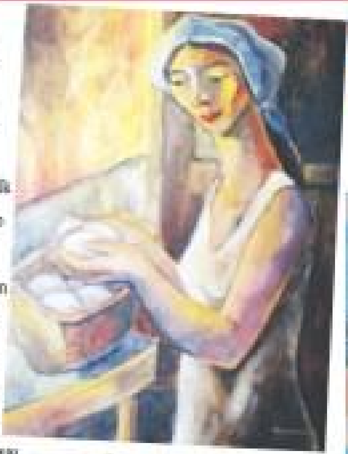


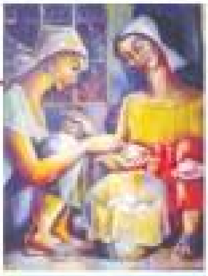
"KATIPUNAN Monument" at Manila City Hall

LIFESTYLE

Working-class women in art

Felix Amancio paints the hardy rural womenfolk of Angono and his hometown of Pinut-An in San Ricardo in Leyte





Woman artist's living gallery of memories

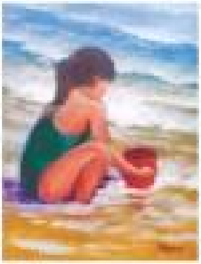




"SELF-PORTRAIT"

Mise en scène

Extensive





"VAN GOGH in Central Park"

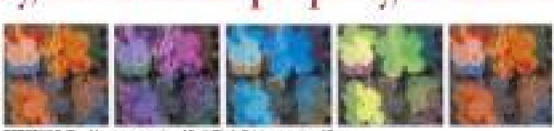


Working-class women in art

Marian icons on procession



Media piracy, intellectual property, artistic originality



They've Got Game







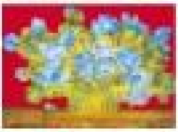




Show pays tribute to Sansó



"THE ROMANCE of Dawn"



"VILLANOVA Moments"

JUVENAL SANSÓ TURNS 77 THIS MONTH, and as a tribute to the internationally renowned artist, Galerie Joaquin will open "Bravo, Sansó!" on Nov 30, 7 p.m., at Galerie Joaquin Bldg.

Forty paintings, including some rare works from the '70s and '80s, have been gathered for the exhibit.

A top European art critic has described Sansó works as "a walk through time and space" or "a magical journey of an artist who never ceased to discover and rediscover life's pleasures."

"The complexity of colors, the shades of exuberance, the changing patterns of life, they all come to life in Sansó's long-tailored collections."

Sansó has just received the Presidential Medal of Merit Award from the Republic of the Philippines.



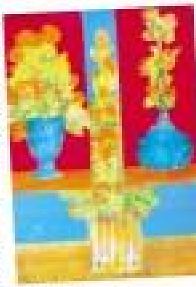
"WHIMSY Joy and Poetry"

He has been exhibited in international auctions. Last Oct. 22, his "Blossoms of Summer" sold for over S$15,600, or almost P490,000, at Sotheby's auction of Southeast Asian paintings.

Sansó, whose family moved to Manila from Catalonia, Spain, in 1930, studied at the UP School of Fine Arts under the tutelage of Fernando Amorsolo, and later at University of Santo Tomas with Antonio Garcia Llamas among his professors.

He later went to Europe to pursue further studies at the Academia di Belle Arti in Rome and the Ecole Nationale Superieure des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Galerie Joaquin is at 371 P. Guevarra St. cor. Montessori Lane, Addition Hills, San Juan. Call 7250051 or 7259418. Log on to www.galeriejoaquin.com.



"BLOSSOMS of Summer" 2

Hyundai Getz a winner in 2006 Greenfleet Awards

The Hyundai Getz 1.5 CRDi has won the Transport for London Private Sector Award at the 2006 GreenFleet Awards. The Hyundai Getz was put through a testing 30-mile journey across central London to win the award, finishing second in the 2006 GreenFleet Capital Fuel Challenge, hosted by the London Borough of Camden.

The Getz 1.5 diesel beat off three hybrids, two biodiesel engines and another diesel to come second overall in the economy drive event.

The results clearly demonstrate that a Hyundai diesel engine can be as economical as a hybrid engine if driven correctly. Of three Toyota Prius cars involved in the GreenFleet challenge, the Hyundai Getz 1.5 litre diesel beat two, using just 2.6 kg of fuel to complete the 30-mile course compared to 2.2 kg used by the first placed Toyota Prius.

Moreover, the Getz tied with the best performing Toyota Prius in terms of cost, coming in at just 8 pence per mile.

Spencer Freidman from GreenFleet said: "This was a real world test, which highlights the environmental and cost benefits of choosing the right vehicle to get around London. The success of the Hyundai Getz demonstrates that clean diesel engines, if driven defensively, can be just as cost and fuel efficient as alternative fuelled vehicles."

This very model of diesel Getz will be on sale in New Zealand from 1 November 2006. "It is great to see both how the diesel technology has come over the past decade, and that Hyundai is leading the way. It is also even better news for New Zealand motorists that they will be able to experience this vehicle in New Zealand in the coming weeks," commented Managing Director, Philip Eustace.

"The Getz has been a favourite for New Zealand consumers over the past few years and has been one of the leaders in the Micro and Light segment. The addition of this diesel variant will add another dimension to this popular little car.

LIFESTYLE



Manila Philharmonic conductor Colmenar will soon play for Otoniel Gonzaga

"OTONIEL GONZAGA" by Allan Cosio

Conductor's great memories of 3 tenors



RODEL Colmenar

By Pablo A. Tariman

CONDUCTOR RODEL COLmenar of the Manila Philharmonic rehearses this week for the first time with Otoniel Gonzaga, and it is expected to be as memorable as his encounters with three other legendary tenors.

Ballet Philippines presents 'And the Winner Is...'





Conductor's great memories of 3 tenors





Bonifacio Day concert



'The Good Body' returns Dec. 8



Guerrero twinbill from Gantimpala Theater



Pinky Amador in solo concert

STAGE ACTRESS AND theater performer Pinky Amador mounts her first major solo concert "You Love Me! You Really Love Me!" Nov. 30 at Teatrino, Promenade, Greenhills, with Michael Williams, Kris Lawrence and other surprise guests.

The one-woman show presents an eclectic mix of pop, jazz, classical, Broadway and [illegible].

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AMADOR: Concert is celebration of my life and career in a big way.

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"I have a portion called 'My Life in 10 Songs,' which is basically a montage of my career and personal life through various musical numbers."

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Call Ticketworld 891-9999 or 721-4726.

WHAT'S HOT?







Dulaang UP's production of Shakespeare's most quoted play, under Tony Mabesa's direction, attempts to bring the Bard closer to our times

Distilling 'Hamlet'

By Walter Ang
Contributor

THE WORLD OF HAMLET, PRINCE OF DENmark, is thrown into a frenzy when he learns of his father's death and when his mother Gertrude marries his uncle Claudius. He encounters his father's ghost who accuses Claudius of murder. Hamlet must now to find a way to confirm this claim and exact revenge.

In Shakespeare's most quoted play ("To be or not to be," "something is rotten in the state of Denmark," "murder most foul," "the lady doth protest too much," and so on), death is constantly a constant shadow hanging over the characters.

In Dulaang UP's staging, dubbed "Hamlet-Redux," director Tony Mabesa couples death with its more famous partner, sex. He prologues the play with a bacchanalia of beasts and phantoms sporting oversized sex organs. This proceeds to immerse the characters in a world of sexual tension filled with shades of incest, Oedipal love, and even voyeurism and cross-dressing.

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Complex world

[illegible]

Tongue-in-cheek

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"Hamlet Redux" runs until Dec. 10 at the [illegible] Theater, Palma Hall, UP Diliman. [illegible]

E-mail the author at [illegible]

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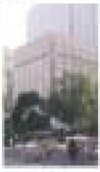


Saving LA's architectural wonders

This city has a nonprofit organization that seeks to recognize, preserve and revitalize LA County's historic structures

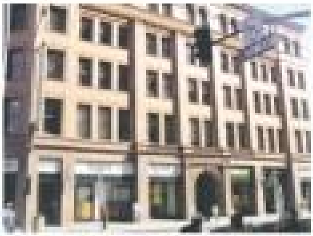


THE [illegible] Business Bank (formerly the Southern California Edison Co. Building) follows Art Deco design.



PACIFIC Finance Building, a fine example of Beaux Arts and Renaissance Revival

Saving LA's architectural wonders



TO SURVIVE the march of time, old buildings in Los Angeles have been converted into stores and apartments in what conservationists call adaptive reuse.

Text and photos by Alan V. Vergara

THE NEXT TIME YOU VISIT Los Angeles, you might want to stop for a few hours and do a walking tour of downtown before you head to more popular attractions such as the Universal Studios, Rodeo Drive and Hollywood.

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Squat beauties

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PERSHING Square, in the center of downtown LA, received a multi-million facelift in time for the 1984 Olympics. The park is due for another series of renovations in the near future.



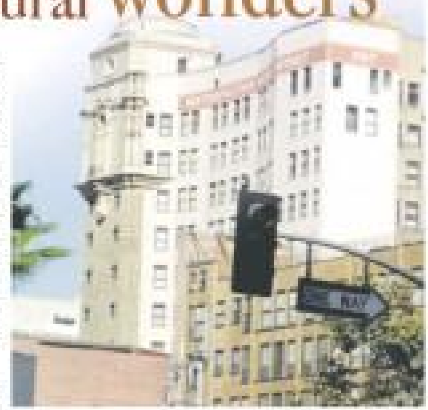
THE MILLION Dollar Theater, which is undergoing restoration, boasts of Churrigueresque design on its façade. [illegible]



WHEN it was abandoned in 1973, the Broadway Department Store became a haven for drug addicts and other shady characters. Thanks to the state's efforts, the Italian renaissance structure was rehabilitated and converted to an office building.



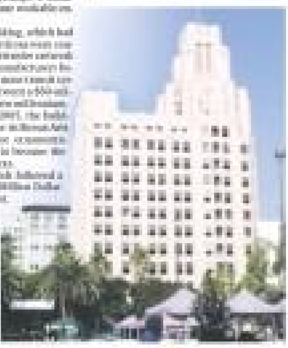
MULTI-LEVEL parking lot has been added as this series of buildings which now serve as apartments for upwardly mobile Angelinos.



DECADES-OLD buildings are probably among LA's best-kept secrets, hidden under the shadows of newer, taller and glass-looking structures.



MELLON 1st Business Bank's interior (formerly Southern California Edison Company Building) is full of Art Deco influences in the form of geometric and zigzag patterns. The lobby alone showcases 25 different kinds of marble.



THE TITLE Guarantee and Trust Building (now known as Four Dome Building) is a fine example of Moderne or Art Deco style, which draws the eyes vertically instead of horizontally.

Retail flagship

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Major Makati hotel marks renovation with concert



LEA Salonga



AUDIE Gemora

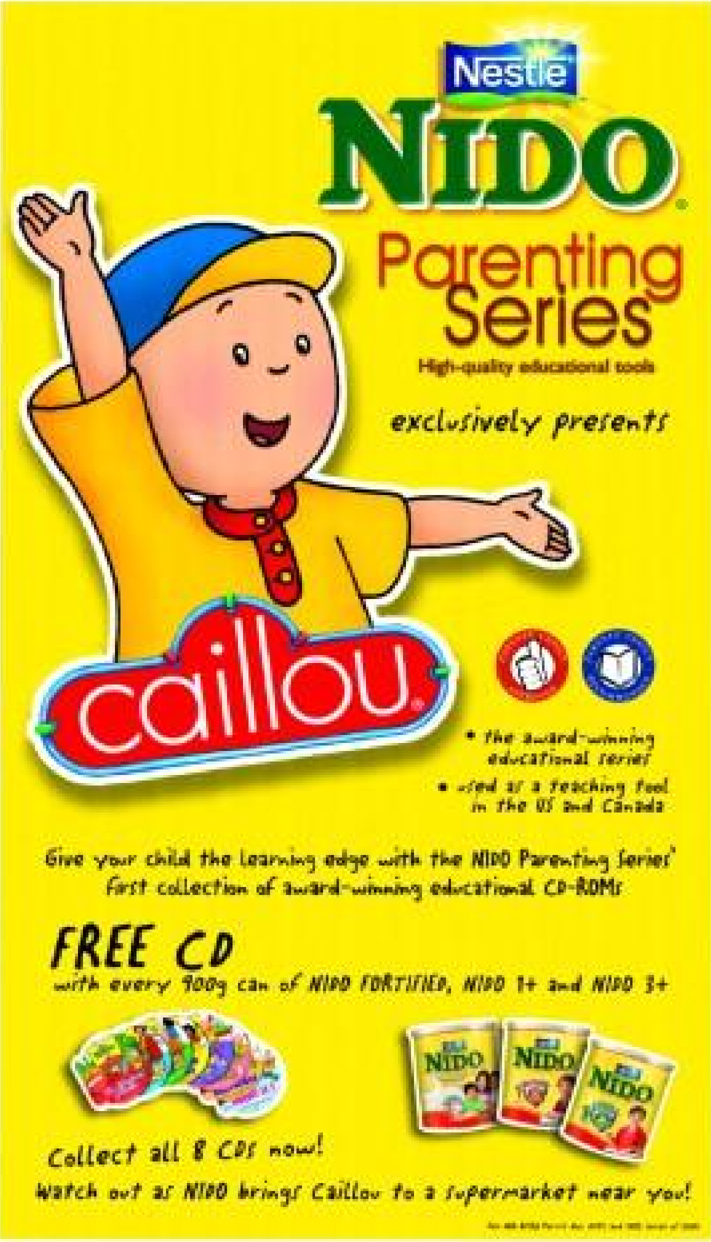
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'Archives in Dialogue'

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Award-Winning Educational Series Comes To Town







MEMBERS of the Eureka Dive pose with garbage they collected.



LANDCO officials during groundbreaking ceremonies.

Coastal cleanup boosts natural heritage

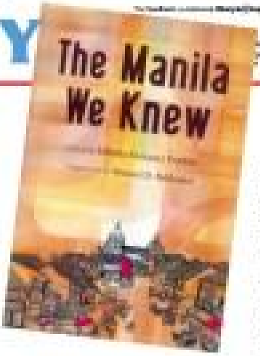
EVERY SMALL ACTION amounts to something big. And as a property developer, multi-product real estate development firm Landco Pacific Corp. is doing its best in preserving a clean and healthy living environment for its communities.

Signs of renewal



LANDCO Pacific employees helping out in the cause.





The city of our affections

By Erlinda Enriquez Panlilio
Contributor

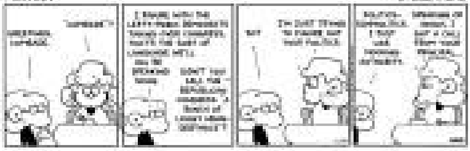
"THE MANILA WE KNEW" is primarily a nostalgia book, though it deals with other issues as well, such as pain, loss, longing, and even racial discrimination and prejudice. It encompasses our memories of that part of Metropolitan Manila where we grew up.

Published by Anvil Publishing, "The Manila We Knew" is edited by Erlinda Enriquez Panlilio and with an introduction by Cristina Pantoja-Hidalgo. It will be launched Nov. 28, 5:30 p.m., at the Turf Room of the Manila Polo Club, McKinley Rd., Forbes Park, Makati.



AUTHOR-EDITOR Linda Panlilio

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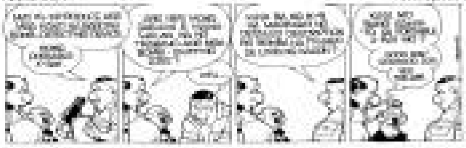
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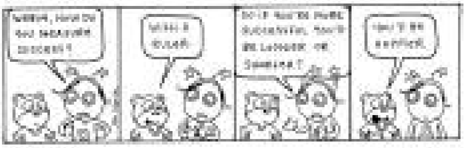
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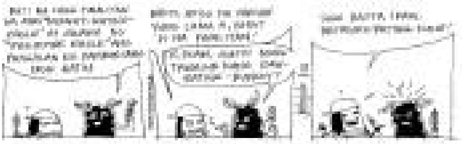


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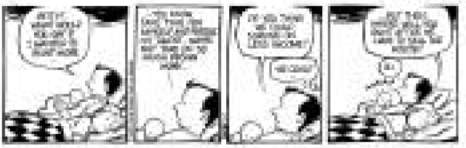
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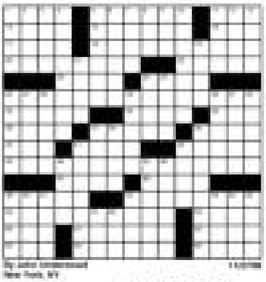


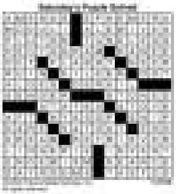


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HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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Trump, Kiyosaki team up in get-rich book



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Lost in Douglas Coupland's 'JPod'

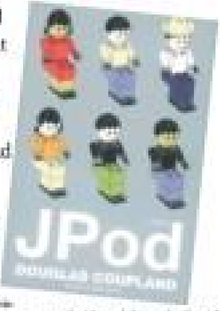
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By Raul S. De Vera

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Readers will either find the new angst farm that is the 'Generation X' author's newest novel either brilliant or gimmicky. It's funny and annoying all at once





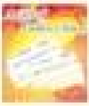
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Magsaysay laureate graces Rizal High School reunion

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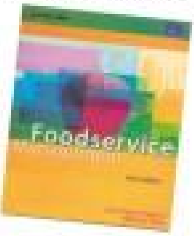
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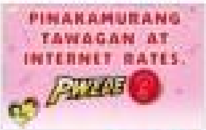
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ENTERTAINMENT




GREEN PEACE from the Asian Development Foundation College in Tacloban, Leyte


ANGELIQUE Pomares of Effinboiche, the winning group


PUBLICO from the University of Santo Tomas

And what is Effinboiche?

School band with a cryptic name wins rock 'n' roll search

By Pocholo Concepcion
Contributor

ROCK 'N' ROLL IS SO HOT these days it has crossed over beyond its self-contained local audience.

Look at some of the evidence: a movie about the Eraserheads has won the Best Script in the recent Cinemalaya digital film festival; [illegible] sang [illegible]'s "Second Love" on the noontime TV show "Wowowee"; contestants on the reality show "Pinoy Dream Academy" interpreted Pinoy rock classics in one of the program's expulsion nights; the late-night newscast "Bandila" features a rousing soundtrack written and performed by Rivermaya.

That, aside from the almost weekly barrage of rock tunes being covered by the casts of both "ASAP" and "SOP."

Besides, too, how advertising agencies have been casting rock bands as endorsers of various consumer products. Apparently, these agencies are staffed with young people who are attuned to the scene.

A high-profile coffee brand has staged its own battle of the bands (now on its second year), accepting entries from colleges in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The event, "Nescafe Soundskool 2006," held recently at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium in Manila. (Exactly on the same night, ABS-CBN's all-music channel, Myx, held a marathon free concert that gathered practically every significant band downtown but which, unfortunately, had to be stopped due to uncontrolled crowd behavior.)

Passion and fire

At the Nescafe event, 10 finalists performed one original and one cover song each.

The band Green Peace, from the Asian Development Foundation College in Tacloban, Leyte, was impressive with its heavy-built reggae sound. However, it couldn't avoid coming off as a novelty act in the world of [illegible].

Publico, from the University of Santo Tomas, had the most number of supporters. Displaying confidence gained from experience playing in bars and private functions, the band looked poised to become the winner.

However, the grand prize consisting of P150,000 cash, P150,000 worth of musical instruments for the band's school and a recording contract from EMI Philippines went to Effinboiche from AMA Computer College in Biñan, Laguna.

Fronted by Angelique Pomares, a pretty 17-year-old singer-guitarist, the cryptically named Effinboiche exuded passion and sincerity with music that had fiery emotions swirling in and out of metal-inspired riffs.

There was talk that the winner was chosen

AND WHAT IS A4


HOSTS Bernard Palanca, Moira Castiglione and INQUIRER mascot Bigshot



And what is Effinboiche?



No more fights for Ariel & Gelli

AFTER NINE YEARS OF MARriage, says Gellie de Belen, she and husband Ariel Rivera hardly ever quarrel anymore.



Seen manning their own booths at a bazaar



JANICE DE BELEN at the Sixth Noel Discovery Bazaar



JOLINA MAGDANGAL



VALERIE CONCEPCION



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KEN WATANABE



JAMES SPADER

ENTERTAINMENT





KATHERINE HEIGL: "I understand the need to look and be perfect in this industry."

Adjusting to fame, digging the perks

TAKE FIVE

Katherine Heigl finds pleasures, pressures in celebrity

DID YOU KNOW...



KATHERINE HEIGL

Adjusting to fame, digging the perks

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Is there a downside?

[illegible]

What's it like to see yourself on the cover of Cosmopolitan?

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What do you think "Grey's Anatomy" says to women?

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What's a typical day like for you?

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How do you unwind?

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ROUNDUP



Air tragedies

Korean drama series



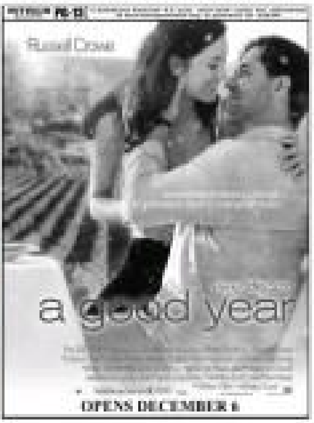
Jeon-Ji Hyun and Yoon Eun-hye

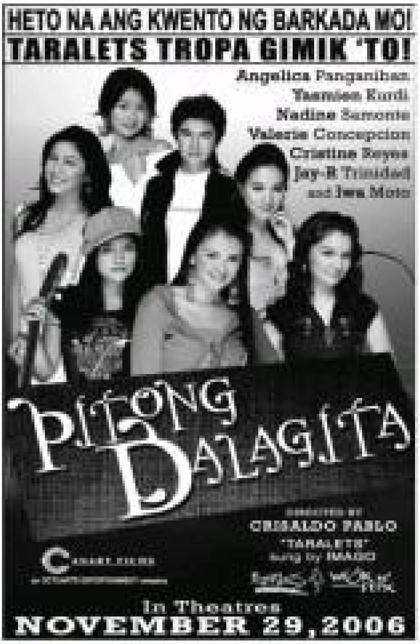
'Animal Icons'

Pink film fest

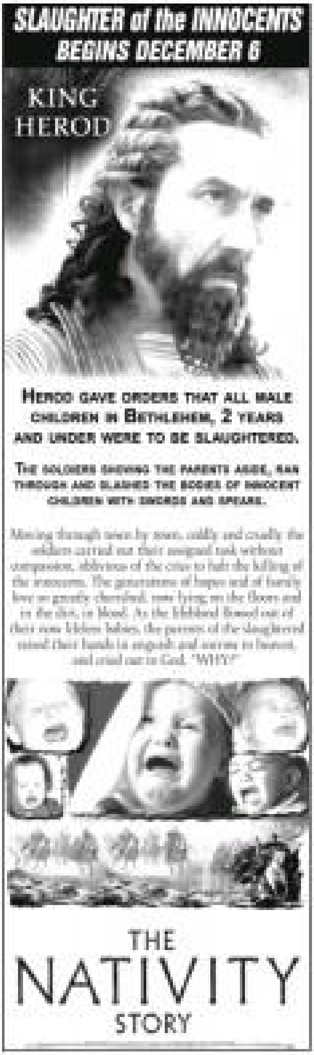
Best in Asia-Pacific

Dance contest











It's clear, though, that Estevez has come a long way from earlier directing efforts



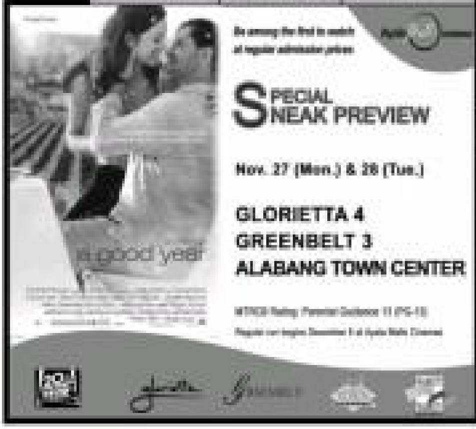
Well-intentioned but uneven in portrayal

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Distracting

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JUN LANA

Director says he's a Regal baby, too

By Rayani San Diego Jr.

Commissioned

Good training

Palanca-winning scriptwriter makes his big-screen debut

Correction

FEEDBACK

Why not here!

Come back, guys

'Borat' is an acquired taste

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre



SACHA Baron Cohen is Borat

'Musa ni Hesus' in Malolos







Rhumba, samba, cha-cha-cha

SHOW TIME

Mega tour

"Good Body" repeats

Tonight

Tomorrow

November 29

November 30

December 2

December 3

December 4

December 6

